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ALAMEDA	APR 8	ALAMEDA	MAY 4
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If Governor Carter had done nothing before to bring him completely in line with the sentiments and desires of the people, he struck the spot on Saturday when he coolly informed the spendthrift Board of Health that if it could not bring its expenditures within the estimates, its members might resign and make way for other people who could. A previous letter, written by the Governor earlier in the week, struck terror to the hearts of the army of grafters in the bureau, and they brought such pressure upon the Board that the chiefs weakened.

In his whine to the Governor, President C B Cooper, of the Board, declares that the only way he can economize is to cut out the store at Kalaupapa (a self sustaining institution) and to cut down the ration allowance to lepers—which is already too small. If any other cuts are made, Dr Cooper declares that he and his colleagues will not be responsible for the consequences. Governor Carter's reply, which is as follows, is of a character that must and will meet with hearty and general approval:

The last recommendations for reductions, enclosed in yours of the 29th ult, I do not believe will be satisfactory to the people of this Territory, nor to its representatives who are about to assemble in a special session of the Legislature.

In the first place, a crisis of this kind is no time to evade responsibility; every government employee should be willing to make some sacrifice, and every citizen should be public spirited and forego condemning those in charge of departments, the efficiency of which, of necessity, has had to be reduced.

Part of your resolution of March 25—"After earnest consideration of the Board, we find that we are unable, after arduous labor in trying to solve the problem, to see our way clear to accept the responsibility for the proper conduct of public health, if the resources of the Board of Health are cut to a lower figure than the statement prepared by the Board," reads as if your Board took the attitude that it could not make further cuts and would not accept the responsibility of any of them.

In order to bring the Territory out of the present intolerable condition of its finances more cuts are necessary, and if any of the members of your Board still feel that they cannot take the responsibility of the Board, they always have the alternative of withdrawing and making way for others who can and will do everything in their power to meet the emergency.

I can hardly believe that you intended to convey the impression that the Board of Health would run its department, in spite of the people and the financial condition of the Territory. The principal cut you propose, that of the Kalaupapa store, is, by your own evidence, not a saving to the Territory; after it is charged to your department, an equal amount appears in government realizations from the sale of goods. This conforms to the usual method of all governments in requiring the expenditures and receipts of all departments to be kept distinct.

Under these circumstances, you have forced me, at the last moment, to make changes in your appropriations, but from the start I have been of the opinion that this could best be done by yourselves.

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